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SUBJECT: US-USSR COOPERATION IN TRANSPORTATION: RAIL (05:03):

DELIVERY OF RAILWAY TIES

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS DOT FOR ALLEN TPI-42

1. LEVTONOV COB 10 FEBRUARY ADVISED EMBOFF THAT MIN MERCHANT MARINE HAS FINALLY COMPLETED CLEARANCE PROCESS FOR TELEX ON SHIPMENT NEW YORK TO CHICAGO. LEVTONOV FEARS, HOWEVER, THAT TELEX DID NOT "GET OUT" OF MINISTRY BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, AND THAT IT WILL THEREFORE BE DELAYED UNTIL 11 FEBRUARY. DOT MAY WISH TO ASSURE SHIP'S AGENT THAT THIS PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED.

2. LEVTONOV ALSO ADVISED EMBOFF THAT TELEGRAM HAS BEEN SENT TO SMIRNOV EXPLAINING THAT SOVIET SIDE PREFERS HOLDING OF PRESS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK. ACCORDING TO LEVTONOV, SOVIETS ACTUALLY HAVE NO PREFERENCE FOR A GIVEN LOCATION OVER ANY OTHER; THEY FEEL THAT PRESS OF TIME AND OTHER CONDITIONS PREVENT ANY CHANGE NOW.

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